

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

BOUCHES DE DAMES

Little Cakes Appropriately Named by the French.

Children always enjoy little cakes that tickle the eye as well as the palate, and to grown-ups they are equally acceptable at coffee klatsch or afternoon tea or with chocolate at a card party. As an accompaniment to ice cream they are often preferred to loaf or layer cakes, especially at small affairs, as they are daintier in appearance. Confectioners charge a goodly price for their petits fours, and one is unacquainted with the ingredients that go into them. It is certainly cheaper to make them at home, and the chances are that they will be more wholesome.

One foundation may be used for them all—that is, one broad and shallow cake may be cut into fancy shapes and decorated with fancy frostings and other ornaments. For such a foundation a plain one or two egg cake will do very well, and thus, in spite of the decorations, the little cakes will not cost any more than, if as much as, a big loaf or larger cake that is rich enough to serve upon occasions of ceremony. The little cakes, moreover, have the advantage of keeping better than the big ones. As soon as a large cake is cut into it begins to dry and must generally be used up immediately, while the frosting, which completely covers the little cakes, protects them from the air, keeping the interior fresh for some time.

Individual layer cakes were originally a French idea, and when prepared from the lightest of sponge cake are very dainty. The Frenchman, true to his gallant nature, has expressed his appreciation of these morsels by calling them "Bouchées de dames."

Two very broad, thin sheets of cake are placed one above another after spreading the lower layer with jelly, jam or some other filling. The cake is then cut into little squares, triangles, diamonds or other shapes, and these are dipped into icing. With a filling of raspberry jam a cocoanut frosting is sometimes used. A few strips of angelica or one or two halved pistachio nuts make a pretty decorative note. A filling of raspberry is sometimes used, with a pistachio flavored icing colored green. It may also be accompanied by a pale pink icing flavored with raspberry, or by a plain white icing flavored with almond.

Other little layer cakes may be flavored in other ways; those filled with currant jelly are frequently covered with chocolate, and those having a peach filling with a white icing flavored with rum or almond. Orange filled cakes are of course delicious with cocoanut. Those spread with rum filling may be decorated with frosting tinted a very delicate green and flavored with grated lemon rind. Neither lemon nor orange extract is as good for flavoring purposes as the grated rind.

Bouchées spread with an apricot filling should have a chocolate icing, according to Gouffé, and a filling of chopped candied fruit may be combined with an icing flavored with rum. This is a Swiss idea. In fact, almost any filling that pleases the fancy may be used. Canton ginger minced and mixed with frosting may be used on some of the little cakes, and the juice of a pomegranate will tint the white frosting to be used on others a delicate pink. Soft cream and custardlike fillings may also be used.

Some of these little individual cakes make a nice dessert with coffee at the end of a simple dinner. Individual cakes with whipped cream, also make a delicious and simple dessert with coffee.

In a foreign restaurant in this city they serve a dessert of whipped cream and layer cake, known as "hazel not tart." Little layer cakes in the form of triangles have a filling of stiff whipped cream and minced hazel nuts. Just before serving it is so covered with a pyramid of snowy whipped cream decorated with hazel nuts that it can hardly be seen. Minced hickory or walnuts may take their place, with a few marshmallows cut in dice.

If one prefers, a thick layer of cake may be cut into squares and hollowed out to form cups, and each cup filled with the cream and decorated on top with a bit of candied fruit or a nut, or in any other way preferred. Delightful surprise cakes are made by placing two of these cakes together, sandwich fashion, with the well of cream inside. Each cake is covered all over with snowy covering of white frosting, making the first water a soapy one without leaving any disagreeable taste.

Seen in the Shops

Last year's suits are out again, all pressed and clean, ready for wear. Nothing could freshen an old suit to better advantage than one of the new coat sets. They come in heavy linen and rep, in plain white, old rose, ecru and black and white, embroidered in floss or linen in floral or geometrical designs. One very rich set of old rose linen was embroidered in solid black and white figures, the latter standing in bas-relief. Its price was \$32. Some of the handsomest sets show Bulgarian colorings—they are embroidered in queer Arabic designs in vivid blues, greens, yellows and reds. They range in price from \$5 to \$30.

"I forgot" is a very commonplace excuse. Almost minded people and very busy ones have numerous ways of remembering. Some use memorandum books, others block calendars, but these are soon filled, and are therefore an expensive luxury. Clips covered with leather and labelled "Finished," "Unfinished" and "Unpaid" are a great help and their cost a bugaboo, as they are only 10 cents apiece.

The new veil pin is made of platinum and resembles a medium sized hairpin. When in place a large pink or white pearl surrounded by rhinestones nestles against the hair. It is much more satisfactory than barrettes, because it does not catch or tear the veil. The price is \$1.

Satin glass hair ornaments are very effective, as they bend and sway at every movement. After a few evenings, however, they are prone to rest either forward or back, in a stiff position, which quite spoils their effect. A pretty ornament with three long points, rhinestone set, rises from the heart of a hairpin holding the base. Half way up a small band of platinum and rhinestones prevents the slender glass threads from bending ungracefully. A narrow bar concealed among the strands supports the band. This ornament costs \$3.50.

For the girl's Panama hat there are silk scarfs that are very attractive. Plain white or with colored ends in blue, pink or red, or in the gaudier ends name, these now sell at \$1.00. For tailored sailor suits, men's grosgrain ribbon in a wide variety of colors and patterns is to be seen at from 16 to 20 cents a yard. One very striking combination is a gray background edged with bold black having a narrow white line. Diagonally across the bandings is a bar of blue. Cheerful combinations in reds and blues are near by in striking contrast. Hat bands "all ready-to-wear" cost 65 cents at the same counter.

Stoppers for bottles, in any size that has the regulation quarter size neck, with amusing designs in silver, are shown for 50 cents.

PERSIAN PROPHET HERE

Abdul Baba Abbas Comes to Preach Universal Peace.

Abdul Baba Abbas, a Persian prophet of world-wide peace and brotherliness, whose followers it is said, now number 20,000,000, arrived here yesterday aboard the White Star liner Cedric on his first visit to America. Already he has a goody following in the United States, being met at the pier by forty prosperous looking men and women, including Mountford Mills and Arthur Pillsbury Dodge, lawyers, and Mrs. W. H. Beede, of No. 412 West 115th Street. It was Mrs. Beede who predicted that the arrival of the "Servant of God" would become notable as "one of the greatest days in all history."

The prophet of the Bahais will be seventy-eight years old on May 23. He wears a long iron gray beard, a white turban from which his gray hair descends to his shoulders and flowing Eastern garments which make him look taller than he really is. With him travelled his nephew, Dr. Amer Darude, and two other disciples. Said Assadullah and Effendi Shoghi:

"I am here," Abdul Baba said in his gentle, foreign English, "to unify the religions of the world, to talk in the interests of universal peace. I have no creed to preach, no doctrines to propound. My word is the word of love."

And as a part of his programme for universal peace and good will he favors a universal language and woman suffrage, saying to the latter subject:

"In Persia, where women's faces are never seen save by their nearest relatives, the women play a heroic part in the early days of the Bahai movement, urging the husbands and sons on to martyrdom and paying the same penalty. The modern suffragette is fighting for what must be, and many of them are willing martyrs to imprisonment for their cause. One might not approve the ways of some of the more militant suffragettes, but in the end all this will adjust itself. If women obtained the same advantages as men, their capacity being the same, the result would be the same."

The future generation depends on the mothers of to-day. Is not this a position or vital responsibility? Surely, God does not wish such an important instrument as woman to be less perfect than she is able to become. Divine justice demands that men and women should have equal rights. There is no difference between them. Neither sex is superior to the other in the sight of God."

Dated New York, April 1st, 1912.

ABDUL BABA ABBAS, Referee.

JAMES P. NEWMAN, Attorney for Plaintiff.

DR. FREDERIC HORN, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

The following are diagrams with the street numbers of the property to be sold herein:

PARCEL NUMBER TWO.

ALLEY NOW RACHAEL LANE

GRAND ST.

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TO COOK RHUBARB.

The rhubarb now in market calls fresh attention to the value of this "spring fruit," as it is known in England.

The best way to cook rhubarb is to wash the stalks, cut them in small pieces without peeling them, and throw them into an earthen pipkin, with about two tablespoonsfuls of water to every bunch of rhubarb. Let the fruit cook slowly in the pipkin after adding about a cupful of sugar to every small bunch of rhubarb. Bunches of fair size usually require two cupsfuls, but much depends upon one's own preference in this matter. Some of the necessary sugar may be reserved until the last and added just before baking up. Some old-fashioned housewives still say to the trouble of peeling rhubarb, but this is most cooks now concede, is a mistake. Rhubarb baked in a closely covered pie is delicious, but the process is slow.

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